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Note verbale dated 27 December 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 1386 (2001), that the Spanish Council of Ministers approved today a decision authorizing the participation of a maximum of 485 army and air force personnel in the International Security Assistance Force to be deployed in Afghanistan under United Nations auspices in the context of the above-mentioned Security Council resolution 1386 (2001).

The duration of this authorization will be three months counting from when the Force is ready to operate in the zone. In any event, its expiry date will be 30 April 2002.

The Spanish contingent will comprise a national liaison component and signals, helicopter, bomb disposal and aviation deployment support units, supported by a Logistics Support Unit.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution 1386, the Spanish authorities have provided the United Kingdom authorities with detailed information on their contribution to the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

The circulation of this note as a Security Council document would be appreciated.

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